The Honorable Thomas Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As a small business owner in a rural area I am concerned about business data services. Being in the flooring industry, my business depends on being able to connect with people all over the Midwest for bids and opportunities.

I have read that the Federal Communications Commission is working on a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) dealing with business data services. If the FNPRM goes forward as is, it will likely have a negative impact on both businesses and individuals in my community.

There is a great potential that existing services will be hurt and certainly the much needed expansion of services will be slowed or cancelled. In my view this is the exact opposite of what the FCC should be promoting.

All of us in underserved communities hope that the FCC will help rural areas to receive services that are much more equal to our urban communities. Broadband access is critical for helping both established businesses and for those looking to open or expand there a business.

Plain and simple if the FNPRM isn't changed we will lose jobs. Living in an area with long standing unemployment issues this is troubling at best.

Please review this matter to make certain that all the appropriate data is reviewed before this issue is finalized. It is my understanding that there is additional information that should be taken into account that will have an important impact on the data now being used for this process. As with any decision, not including all relevant information leads to a bad decision.

I appreciate your review of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Armstrong, President

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